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INNOVATIVE TEACHING IN MONTANA, a 16mm full color film sponsored by State Superintendent Dolores Colburg and funded under ESEA Title III, is now available to schools through the State Audiovisual Library. The film features Title III projects in Bozeman, Butte, Great Falls, Rocky Boy and Whitefish schools as well as non-Title III innovations in Fort Benton, Missoula, Whitefish and the Browning area. The film should be of special interest to teachers. Jim Rice of Whitefish produced the movie. When ordering, ask for film number 7409.

MRS. ALBERTA KLOCKLER is Montana Teacher of the Year for 1971. As Montana winner, Mrs. Klockler becomes a candidate for the National Teacher of the Year Award sponsored by the Council of Chief State School Officers and *Look* magazine. Mrs. Klockler is presently teaching first grade at Helena's C. R. Anderson School. Her teaching experience includes two years at Geyser, two at Great Falls, seven at the School for the Deaf and Blind and seven at Thompson Falls.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FELLOWSHIPS are available for up to one academic year and a summer of training of persons who have or will have the responsibility for training others in early childhood education. Fellowship recipients will take part in one of nine programs offered at various sites across the nation and will receive a stipend, dependents' allowance, tuitions and fees. Approximately eighty (80) fellowships will be awarded for training which is to begin either this summer or with the beginning of the 1971-72 academic year. Interested persons should write to Dr. Larry Freeman, Associate Director, Nebraska Confederation in Early Childhood Education, 346 Andrews Hall, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska 68507. The application deadline is February 1, 1971.

JANUARY 11-16 has been set aside as National Education Week on Smoking. In Montana, the week's activities will be coordinated by the Montana Congress of Parents and Teachers. Schools wishing information on educational materials concerning smoking should write to Mrs. Louis Hagener, 612 17th Street, Havre 59501.

TURNER GRAYBILL, GREAT FALLS AND STEVE ROVIG, KALISPELL have been selected as the Montana representatives to the 1971 United States Senate Youth Program. Each boy will receive a $1,000 scholarship plus a week-long trip to Washington, D. C. While in Washington, the students will meet with the President or Vice-President, the Montana Congressional Delegation and other national leaders. Both boys serve as officers for various student activities at their schools and have high scholastic averages. They were selected for the program by means of a competitive examination on local, state and federal government given throughout the state this fall.

EPDA B-2: Funds are available to local school districts under EPDA B-2 to train teachers and teacher aides to meet statewide staffing shortages in critical areas. Information and application forms are available from Herman Tushaus, EPDA Supervisor or Mrs. Shirley Miller, EPDA Program Consultant, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

ESEA TITLE III grant applications are due February 15. Districts wishing to submit applications for innovative educational projects should file first a letter of intent which is due January 15. The letter should not be more than two pages in length and should outline the program, including objectives and procedures, and the total funds requested. Title III staff will contact each applicant submitting a letter of intent and will forward other application information. If you have questions, write or call Harold Rehmer, ESEA Title III Supervisor, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, phone 449-2059.

FELLOWSHIPS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS are available from Indiana State University for graduate study in physical education and recreation for the handicapped. The program is scheduled for the 1971-72 school year. Application forms for admission and for fellowships are available from Dr. Richard Stebbins, Graduate Coordinator, School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Indiana State University, Terre Haute 47809.

PROJECT "VISIT": Montana teachers, administrators and school board members again are invited to apply for Project "VISIT" (Visits to Innovative Schools by Interested Teachers) funded under ESEA Title III. VISIT, inaugurated last year, will be slightly modified for this school year. Only teams including at least one administrator will be eligible to apply. Teams selected to participate in the program will be reimbursed for visits to the state's Title III projects. The program is designed to acquaint school personnel with exemplary educational practices which could be adopted throughout the state. Application forms will be available this month from district and county superintendents of schools. Applications must be approved by the State Superintendent's office *before* the visits take place.

OFFICE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION youth group state officers will meet in Helena on February 5.

TRAFFIC EDUCATION APPROVAL DEADLINE for second semester programs is January 10. Schools wishing to conduct second semester programs should request application forms from Jerry Toner, Traffic and Safety Education Supervisor, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. If a school has already received approval for the entire year, this procedure is not necessary.

TEACHERS GUIDES TO TELEVISION: The second semester issue of the *Guides* is now available from Teachers Guides to Television, P.O. Box 564, Lenox Hill Station, New York, N. Y. 10021. This issue includes lesson plans for twelve specific network programs plus plans for two general categories: ecology and editorial commentary.

WORKING WITH PARENTS, a publication which lists suggestions to help teachers and administrators develop strong relationships with parents, students and others in the community, is available from the National School Public Relations Association, 1201 16th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036. The booklet sells for $1.00 per copy.

COMPUTER CLASS SCHEDULING SERVICES will be offered again for the next school year by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. All public and private junior and senior high schools in the state may receive this service without charge. For the 1971-72 school year, a new system will be available which incorporates modular scheduling. Application forms and further information will be available shortly.

PUBLIC LAW 81-874 APPLICANTS: School districts wishing to make application for financial assistance in federally affected areas (Title 1 of P.L. 81-874) for the 1970-71 school year should complete Form RSF-1 and transmit the completed form to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction by January 15. Applicant school districts which have questions regarding the completion of the initial application should write or call Wayne Haefer, Assistant Superintendent in the State Superintendent's office, phone 449-2672.

STAFF CHANGES IN THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE:

Newell B. Anderson, recently completing his studies for a B.S. Degree in Secondary Education at Northern Montana College, is Program Assistant for the ESEA Title II program function.

Michael Billings, formerly Statistician for the office, is Director of Financial Support for Schools Educational Program component.